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DETROIT POLICE
LIEUTENANTS AND
SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION

Dear Senator:

MICHIGAN STATE
POLICE TROOPERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.

On behalf of the largest organization of certified law enforcement officers in Michigan, we are writing today to voice continued concern with certain provisions of House Bill 5002. While we greatly appreciate the work of the bill sponsor and the House Commerce Committee chairman to address the mental health provisions in the legislation, our members are still troubled by a few aspects of the bill.

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OF POLICE

First and foremost, the continued inclusion of the "phantom" wage is an insult to those who are injured on the job protecting Michigan's communities and businesses. We have no problem requiring those who can work to do so but oppose this provision.

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE
COMMAND OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.

Second, the 45-day requirement to see an employer-directed physician runs counter to the widely accepted notion of using one's own physician to direct care. This provision should be returned to the 10-day coverage period currently in the law.

WARREN POLICE
OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION

Lastly, we are puzzled by the continued reliance on vocational rehabilitation experts. Their involvement will do nothing but lead to increased costs and increased litigation. This appears to be a solution in search of a problem.

GRAND RAPIDS
POLICE OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION

If Worker's Compensation costs were skyrocketing, we could better understand the imperative for change. We all know that is not the case. Premiums are predicted to see a double-digit reduction in the coming year. This appears to be a case of certain interests doing something because they can, not because they should.

KAROUB ASSOCIATES, INC.
LEGISLATIVE
CONSULTANTS

As expressed, we are more than amenable to improvements in the process but believe those should not come at the expense of officers injured on the job.

We appreciate your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Michigan Association of Police Organizations Board of Directors